

**COPY/PASTE MECHANISM AND PASTE BUFFER THAT INCLUDES
SOURCE INFORMATION FOR COPIED DATA**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An annotated paste buffer defines a first field for copied information, and a
5 second field for source information relating to the copied information. A copy/paste
mechanism in accordance with the preferred embodiments copies the information the user
selects into the first field, and gathers the appropriate information relating to the source of
the copied information into the second field in the annotated paste buffer. A user may set
cut/copy preferences to determine what information is gathered from the source document
10 and placed in the second field in the annotated paste buffer. In addition, a user may set
paste preferences to determine which of the source information, if any, in the second field
is incorporated into a citation to the source of the information when the information is
pasted into another document. In this manner a user can determine what source
information is gathered, and can separately filter this information to provide citations that
15 are tailored to different applications.

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